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Federal Minister for Indigenous affairs

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Ken Vowles
Northern Territory Minister for Indigenous affairs

RE: Blue Mud Bay

The Full Council of the Northern Land Council endorsed the Sea Country Working Group to meet and discuss with all stakeholders the key parameters around the Blue Mud Bay decision and come up with recommendations that would be put back to the Full Council to either adopt or reject those recommendations.

There was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow between the Sea Country Working Group, Executive Council of NLC and Minister Ken Vowles to discuss and finalise recommendations to be put to the Full Council. Helen Lee on behalf of the Executive Council has advised the Sea Country Working Group that they are not to attend tomorrow's meeting with Minister Vowles.

The Sea County Working Group has met today and formally wish to advise that the actions of the executive council, if tomorrow's meeting proceeds with out the attendance of the Sea Country Working Group, is unconstitutional and is in breach of the procedures and the motions which the Full Council passed in regard to the Blue Mud Bay negotiations.

To that end, any decision that is agreed to in tomorrow's meeting or subsequent meetings without the endorsement of the Full Council will face the risk of being overturned or deems in valid.

It is not the intention of the Sea Country Working Group to delay nor create anymore uncertainty for Northern Territorians, concerning the Blue Mud Bay Decision, however the Executive Councils actions will result in uncertainty, unrest and potential resentment from non indigenous Territorians due to their failure to adhere to appropriate governance and processes.

Yours Faithfully

Sea Council Working Group

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